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In re Patent Application of

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MELUSIN, A MUSCLE SPÈCIFIC PROTEIN, AS A DRUG TARGET FOR

PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF HEART FAILURE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment previously paid for

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(at least 20) =

minus highest number 27

x \$50.00

\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment previously paid for

(at least 3) =

x \$200.00

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\$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add

\$360.00 (1203)/\$180.00 (2203) \$

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this

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paper and attachment(s)

One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251)

Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252)

Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253/\$510.00 (2253)

Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254/\$795.00 (2254) Five Month Extensions \$2160.00 (1255/\$1080.00 (2255) \$

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add

\$130.00 (1814)/ \$65.00 (2814)

Applicant claims "small entity" status.

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee

\$180.00 (1806)

180.00 \$

Assignment Recording Fee

\$40.00 (8021) \$

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Other:

TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 180.00

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Statement filed herewith

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